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Bismarck Man Sentenced for Drug and Firearm Charges

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on October 15, 2007, **Arthur Lee Crissler**, 36, of Bismarck, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on one count of possession of a firearm by an unlawful user of a controlled substance and two counts of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. **Crissler** was found guilty by a federal jury on July 27, 2007.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Crissler** to 97 months in federal prison to be followed by four years of supervised release. **Crissler** was ordered to pay a \$300 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

On July 26, 2006, a search warrant was obtained for **Crissler's** residence in Bismarck to search for controlled substances and firearms. A .22 caliber rifle, over one pound of marijuana, and about 91 grams of methamphetamine, along with various items of drug paraphernalia were found in **Crissler's** residence and vehicle.

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The case was investigated by the Metro Area Safe Trails Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Bismarck Police Department, and the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Paul R. Emerson prosecuted the case.

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